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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, AUGUST 22, 2000

MOTION OF

MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES
OF VIRGINIA, INC.

and

MCI WORLDCOM COMMUNICATIONS
OF VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC000116

For Mediation of Unresolved Issues
with Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc.
pursuant to § 252(a)(2) of the
Telecommunications Act of 1996

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

On April 3, 2000, MCI metro Access Transmission Services of Virginia, Inc., and MCI WorldCom Communications of Virginia, Inc. (collectively "MCI WorldCom"), filed their request for mediation, pursuant to § 252(a)(2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("Act"). Pursuant to the Commission's Order Directing Response, Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc. (now Verizon Virginia Inc. and hereinafter, "Verizon Virginia"), filed its Response in opposition to MCI WorldCom's request for mediation on April 28, 2000.

Verizon Virginia's objection to mediation by the Commission's Staff is that it is premature and that MCI WorldCom has failed to negotiate in good faith.

On August 10, 2000, MCI WorldCom filed its Petition for Arbitration, pursuant to § 252(b) of the Act and 20 VAC 5-400-190, in Case No. PUC000225. According to the arbitration petition, MCI WorldCom has been unable to negotiate an interconnection agreement with Verizon Virginia to replace its existing interconnection agreement¹ and must now petition for arbitration of all terms of a replacement agreement.

Because of MCI WorldCom's arbitration petition in Case No. PUC000225 the request filed herein for mediation is moot. Therefore, this case should be dismissed.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT this case is hereby dismissed.

¹ The existing interconnection agreement was approved in Case No. PUC960113. Its initial term runs to July 17, 2000, with a provision that allows the interconnection agreement to continue "month-to-month" until replaced.